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REMARKS

In the Office Action of November 27, 2007, claims 1, 2, 7, 11, 15, 17, 18, 23, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aly et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,995,031), in view of Kobayashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,809,071). Claim 3 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aly in view of Kobayashi, in further view of Lee (U.S. Patent No. 6,055,119). Independent claims 1 and 17 are amended herewith to include a noise cancellation stage that is situated before the gain stage of the feedforward equalizer. Applicant submits that this is a novel arrangement of a feedforward equalizer.

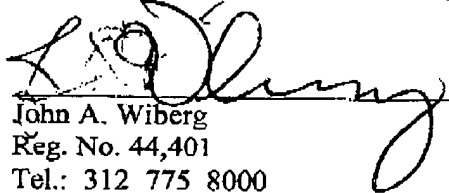
In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-3, 7, 11, 17-19, 23 and 27.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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